

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Department – Forest Protection – Constitution of District Level Forest Protection Committees under the Chairmanship of District Collector for Protection of Forests and Wildlife – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR. I) DEPARTMENT

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Read the following:-

From the Prl. CCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad, Rc. No.6334/2014/ Vig.5, dt.01.10.2014.

O R D E R:

The State of Telangana is endowed with rich flora and fauna. About 25% of the geographical area of the State is covered with forests of various types. The forests of the state are subjected to immense biotic pressure leading to their degradation. Protection of this rich bio-diversity is of utmost importance. Therefore, there is an urgent need to conserve and develop the forest areas as per the scientific management principles in order to improve the tree cover to achieve the 33% of the geographical area under tree cover as envisaged in the National Forest Policy. In the reviews conducted by the Government on conservation of Forests and Wildlife, it is observed that coordination among various departments viz., Forest, Police, Revenue and Tribal Welfare is necessary for better protection of this valuable resources.

2. In his letter read above, the Prl. CCF, Telangana, Hyderabad has requested the Government to issue necessary orders constituting the District Level Committee for protection of forests and wildlife.

3. After careful consideration of the proposal, the Government decided to constitute the District Level Committee under the Chairmanship of District Collector in each of the Districts with the other district level officials as members to review and monitor protection of forests and wildlife.

4. Further, Government after examining the desirability to induct some Non-Official members also in the Committee for better and effective protection of forests and wildlife, decided to include two such members in the District Level Forest Protection Committee.

5. Government, hereby constitute the District Level Forest Protection Committee under the Chairmanship of the District Collectors. The Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) at District Head Quarters will be the Member convener. The following is the composition of the District Level Forest Protection Committee:

1	District Collector	:	Chairman
2	Joint Collector	:	Member
3	Superintendent of Police	:	Member
4	Divisional Forest Officer/s (Territorial)	:	Member
5	Project Officer, ITDA	:	Member
6	Divisional Forest Officer at District Head quarters	:	Member - Convener
7	Conservator of Forests/DIG of Police concerned	:	Special invitees
8	Non-Official Members (2) (To be nominated by the District Collector)	:	Members

6. The terms of the reference of the above committee are as follows:-

- (i) The Committee will meet every month at a convenient date to review the problems of Forests & Wildlife Protection in the District.
- (ii) The Committee will review the status of Beat inspections carried out during the previous month, destruction enumerated, cases booked against timber smuggling and wildlife poaching, cases booked against encroachments, proposals sent by Divisional Forest Officers under P.D. Act, sanction of illegal patta, if any, law and order situation in the extremist prone areas vis-a-vis forest protection etc. and take suitable measures for improving the protection of forests and wildlife in the District.
- (iii) The Committee will review the raids conducted in vulnerable areas by the forest Department with the help / coordination of Police Department in the District.
- (iv) The Committee will over see the coordination between the Forest, Police, Tribal Welfare and Revenue Departments in the Districts and ensure better coordination.
- (v) The committee will ensure the Government machinery in the districts have adequate man power and infrastructure facilities like vehicles, wireless/telephone communications, accommodation, arms and ammunition etc., and adequate budget provision for forest protection, controlling of timber smuggling and poaching activity totally.
- (vi) The committee will also examine other means for improving the protection of forests and wildlife and take necessary action accordingly and suggest suitable measures for improving the same.
- (vii) A Non-official Member shall hold his office for a period of two (2) years. A Non-official Member shall cease to hold office, if he fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the Committee without any sufficient cause or reasons. The District Collector is vested with the powers to remove any Non-official Member from the Committee, without giving any reasons.

7. The District Collectors of the concerned Districts shall take necessary action to nominate 2 non-official members from the District who have rendered services for a considerable period of time in environment, forest and wildlife areas to the said committee.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad
All Members through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad
All the District Collectors.
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